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## HALF-WAY OFFER IN ANCONA CASE IS VIENNA PLAN

Believed Austria Will Object  
to Full Disavowal of  
Sinking Vessel.

## WILL FAVOR REPARATION

Punishment of Sub Com-  
mander Not Expected  
by Embassy Officials.

## MARU CASE WILL NOT ENTER

Not Likely Situation Will Be Be-  
clouded by Question of Tor-  
pedoing of Jap Ship.

That the Austrian government, by half-way concessions, will seek to prevent a severance of diplomatic relations between Vienna and Washington was a forecast put forth last night in Austro-German diplomatic quarters.

"That hope for an amicable settlement of the controversy has not been abandoned, at least by Germany, is indicated from the fact, learned last night, that Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who returned to Washington yesterday from the Adriatic, where he spent Christmas, is prepared to resume negotiations with Secretary Lansing for a final disposition of the Lusitania controversy.

In German Embassy circles there is every confidence that in spite of Germany's unwillingness to go the whole length demanded by the United States in this dispute, the matter would be adjusted within a very short time to the satisfaction of both countries.

## No Record of Passport.

Another measure of hope in the situation last night was the disposition of the State Department not to complicate the Ancona controversy by an inquiry at Vienna into the submarine attack on the Japanese liner, Yashika Maru, which, reported to have had on board an American citizen, is alleged to have been torpedoed without warning. In this respect the department has found an easy way to avoid such an inquiry.

Investigation by the Bureau of Citizenship of the State Department resulted in a report to the Secretary of State yesterday that as far as the official records go, it cannot be shown that Leigh, the man said to be an American, was actually of this nationality. Leigh carried no American passport, which would be prima facie proof of American citizenship.

And inasmuch as it is assumed here that all travelers in European waters at this time are providing themselves with passports, it is believed that Leigh, who has lived a great part of his life in England, where his home now is, was traveling on an English passport.

If this should be the case, it was authoritatively stated, this government will under no circumstances concern itself with the attack on the Yashika Maru. If, on the contrary, he was without any passport whatever, he himself will have to establish voluntarily his nationality before the United States would feel called upon to protest to Austria.

## Disavowal Not Expected.

Austria, according to this forecast, will offer to make reparation for the lives of the American citizens who perished, and will, perhaps, give assurances for the future conduct of her submarine warfare in compliance with the rules set up by the United States in its correspondence with Germany. She will not, it is predicted in embassy quarters, either disavow the attack or punish the submarine commander. The demands of the United States to Austria were for reparation, disavowal, and punishment of the submarine commander.

According to the view in Austro-German circles, disavowal by Austria would be out of the question, "inasmuch as it appears from the original official statements from Vienna that the orders of the Austrian admiralty to the submarine commander were to prevent the escape of the Ancona. There has been nothing to show in these advices that the commander acted contrary to orders in sinking the vessel while she was standing still with passengers on board."

## RUSSIANS WIN IN PERSIA.

Turco-German Gendarmes Routed  
Near Teheran with Heavy Loss.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—An important Russian success in Persia is reported by the Russian war office in the following official statement today:

"Between Teheran (capital of Persia) and Kermadan we defeated a Turco-German detachment of about 1,600 rebellious gendarmes and bands with artillery and machine guns. The enemy lost several prisoners and suffered heavily in killed and wounded."

## President's Niece to Be White House Debutante

The White House is to have a debutante this winter. Miss Alice Wilson, daughter of Mr. Joseph Wilson, the President's brother, who lives in Baltimore, will be a White House guest most of the winter and many parties and dinners and possibly a ball will be given in her honor. It is understood that Miss Wilson will not make a formal debut. She has been appearing in Washington society a little already this winter. Yesterday she was among those assisting at a tea dance given by Miss Lillian Hendricks.

Miss Wilson is slender and graceful. She has a wealth of golden hair and dark blue eyes. She is highly accomplished.

## BRITISH SEVER GERMAN LINES

Take 800 Prisoners in Fight  
in Armentieres Region,  
Paris Reports.

## INFANTRY ACTION PRECEDED BY ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT

Violent Artillery Duels Raging Along  
Entire Western Front—Heaviest  
on the Belgian Coast.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—The British have carried out a smashing attack against the German lines in the Armentieres region, according to news received from Paris to-night. Eight hundred prisoners are reported to have been taken in an assault upon the trenches.

A British official statement issued to-night mentions a violent bombardment in this region, but makes no reference to an infantry action. This probably followed the bombardment. It says:

"Our artillery bombarded the hostile trenches south of the Lille-Armentieres railway with good effect. The Germans replied vigorously, but caused little damage."

"The Germans this morning sprung a mine opposite our line southeast of Hazebrouck redoubt. We have consolidated the edge of the crater. Elsewhere there has been nothing but the normal amount of artillery fighting."

"A fierce artillery duel is raging along the entire western front, with the greatest activity centered along the Belgian coast and in the Vosges district."

"Near the Great Dune, in Belgium, a German blockhouse has been blown up, the French midnight communiqué states. In the Vosges a heavy fire has been directed against the Germans at Schatzmann. Mining operations are being carried out on a large scale."

## East India Troops To Leave France

Thanked by Prince of Wales  
in King's Name for  
Valor.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—The official press bureau announces that prior to the departure of the Indian army corps from France, the Prince of Wales, delivered a message from the King thanking them for their gallant services in more than a year's campaign. In delivering the message, the Prince said:

"British and Indian comrades: Yours has been a fellowship in trials, hardships, courage and endurance, often against great odds, in a memorable conflict. In a warfare waged under peculiarly trying circumstances you have worthily upheld the honor of the Empire and the great traditions of the army of India. You leave France with a just pride in honorable deeds achieved and my assured confidence that your proved valor and experience will contribute to further victories in your new field of action."

The first news that the Indian troops were being transferred to another theater of war was given to the public earlier in the day in connection with the announcement of the king's message to them. In this message the king said:

"I now require your services in another field of action. Before you take leave of France, I am sending the Prince of Wales to thank you for your services and express my satisfaction." No statement was made as to whether the "other field of action" is the Balkans, Egypt, Mesopotamia or India.

## 41 Tonic Ships Interned in Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—It was officially announced today that there are twenty-nine German and twelve Austrian ships in Spanish harbors at the present time.

## JOIN IN FIGHT ON "FAKE" ADS

Citizens Hear Joseph Berberich  
Speak Against False  
Publicity.

## INDORSE MOVEMENT OF RETAIL MERCHANTS' BODY

President Driscoll Named Delegate to  
Vigilance Committee Which Is  
Seeking Legislation.

The "fly-by-night" merchant and the fake advertiser were denounced by Joseph Berberich, chairman of the "ad vigilance committee" of the Retail Merchants' Association, in explaining the work of the committee at a meeting of the Mid-City Citizens' Association at 1009 Seventh street northwest last night.

Following Mr. Berberich's talk, the association unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the movement of the Retail Merchants' Association to stamp out false advertising, and on motion of John H. Shugrue, A. J. Driscoll, president of the association, was named to serve on the ad vigilance committee.

## "Fake" Ad's Lost Motion.

"It has been recognized by business men for some time that superfluous and misleading statements in advertisements are a loss of time to the merchant and the public," said Mr. Berberich. "False advertising is lost motion, and it seems that all of the best interests in business are anxious to do away with it."

In commenting upon the printer's ink statute which has been endorsed by the Retail Merchants' Association as a model false advertising law for the District, Mr. Berberich said: "It does away with the 'fly-by-night' merchant and the fake advertiser, who misrepresent their wares to the people and then leave town in a few days."

"We realize that it takes time to accomplish this, however, and we are going to use moral suasion at the start."

## Honesty Is Best Policy.

Mr. Berberich said the four local papers have endorsed the campaign, "knowing that their circulation will be increased, that their papers will be welcomed in the home. If the people know that the advertisements in them are truthful, and they are also interested in the movement," Mr. Berberich went on, "from the moral side, because it's the new way of doing business—by telling the truth."

Mark Stearnman declared that men in all walks of life are beginning to realize that honesty is the best policy, declaring that "day after day, fakers and impostors have been allowed to prey upon the innocent and unsophisticated public."

These new members were admitted: E. G. Clark, W. J. Donovan, Louis O. Sievers, C. P. Umbau and J. E. Schneider.

## Cabinet Fails On Agreement

British Premier and Advisors  
Seem Hopelessly Divided  
on Conscription.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—The cabinet met today to decide what action should be taken on Lord Derby's recruiting report. Grave differences of opinion as to conscription was revealed. No decision was arrived at and the matter was deemed so urgent that the ministers agreed to meet again tomorrow.

The position tonight is undeniably delicate and may become critical unless handled with firmness. The premier's pledge to apply compulsion to unmarried "slackers" is the question at issue.

The cabinet is divided. There are two currents of opinion. One party, apparently in the minority, hold strongly that the pledge should be redeemed immediately and that the government should take powers to apply the principle of compulsion where necessary. They regard the pledge as binding on every member of the cabinet and intend to see it honored.

The "no compulsion" party in the cabinet have no intention of abandoning their position without a struggle. They demand that unattached single men be given another chance.

## BRITISH HURL BACK TURKS.

Repulse Desperate Assaults with  
Heavy Losses at Kut-el-Amara.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—The official press bureau issues the following on operations at Kut-el-Amara:

"Gen. Townshend reports that the enemy fired heavily on the British positions during Thursday night, but did not attack. On the following morning and during the afternoon the positions were again heavily shelled. The enemy's fire took a breach in the fort and they effected an entrance, but were driven out, 29 of their dead being left inside the forts. Friday at midnight there was fierce fighting for possession of the fort."

"The garrison, in excellent spirits, re-occupied the bastion. The enemy's casualties are estimated at 700, while ours were but 130 killed and wounded. A whole division of Turks appears to have been engaged."

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## Union of Americas to Guard Against Alien Foe Is Plea At Congress of Scientists

Vice President Marshall and Secretary of State Lansing  
Sound Preparedness as Keynote of Pan-American As-  
semblage—Wilson Sends Greetings—Ambassador  
Suarez Forecasts Broad Benefits.

Gathered to discuss the arts of peace and the propagation of culture throughout the Western Hemisphere, the second Pan-American Scientific Congress, composed of approximately 2,000 leading educators and scientists of North, Central and South America, entered into the first general session yesterday morning with a full consciousness that the first big test of pan-Americanism probably would come in the form of resistance to military aggression from abroad.

Virtually all of the 1,200-odd papers, which will be delivered in the next thirteen days, deal with subjects apparently unrelated to war, but the lengths of pan-Americanism, to which it is hoped interchange of ideas will lead, involves an offensive and defensive military alliance of all American republics, and this proposal will be hinted at strongly in "feelers" contained in papers before the subsection of the congress devoted to discussion of international law. The Arbitral Court of the Western World is the ideal of pan-Americanism.

Lansing Sounds the Keynote.

Opening addresses by Vice President Marshall and Secretary of State Lansing at yesterday morning's session in the auditorium of Memorial Continental Hall were in tune with this underlying sentiment in favor of common preparations for a mutual defense.

"If the sovereignty of a sister republic is menaced from overseas, the power of the United States and, I hope and believe, the united power of the American republics, will constitute a bulwark which will protect the independence and integrity of their neighbor from unjust invasion or aggression," declared Secretary Lansing amid applause. "The American family of nations might well take for its motto that of Dumas' famous Musketeers, 'One for all; all for one.'"

Marshall Hints of Understanding.

Vice President Marshall hinted broadly at an understanding between the American republics, looking to a common cause against European aggression. Secretary Lansing explained that while the Monroe doctrine was a national policy, it in no way conflicted with pan-Americanism, which as an international policy embraces and strengthens the earlier policy.

Ambassador Suarez, of Chile, president of the congress, replying to the address

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## Civic Bodies Against Proposed Abolition of Board of Education

Plan of District Commissioners to Assume Control of School  
System Opposed by Every Organization that Has Con-  
sidered Matter—Herald Points Out Dangers.

The proposal of the District Commissioners for the virtual abolition of the Board of Education has met with the disapproval of every civic organization in the National Capital that has voiced an opinion on the subject.

The Washington Herald was the first newspaper to call attention to the obvious dangers in the proposal of the Commissioners, to ask in its editorial columns for the opinions of residents of the District, and to predict that when the opinions were given they would be adverse.

Since publication of the details of the Commissioners' plan to have vested in themselves the power to appoint members of the Board of Education who now are appointed by the District Supreme Court, the following organizations have passed resolutions opposing the scheme: Northeast Mothers' Club of the Pierce and Webb Schools.

Eckington-Emory Home and School Association, Congress of Mothers of the District, Chamber of Commerce, Rhode Island Avenue Suburban Citizens' Association.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 27.—The President and Mrs. Wilson tramped more than eight miles through the snow and slush in the direction of Warm Springs today. Both were heavy Arctic shoes. They returned much fatigued but a ruddy glow of health indicated the benefit of the exercise.

The remainder of the day the President spent in answering departmental correspondence. Among the official papers signed with the final release papers attached were the pardons recently granted.

## MISS MARGARET WILSON TO STUDY IN NEW YORK

President's Daughter May Also Do  
Settlement Work—Miss Bones  
May Live with Her.

It was reported here yesterday that Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's only unmarried daughter, will spend the winter in New York City pursuing her studies in music. Incidentally, it is added, she may engage in settlement work.

It is said that Miss Helen Bones, Miss Wilson's cousin, who has assisted in entertaining at the White House, will accompany the President's daughter and that the two will live together in New York. No official confirmation of the report was obtained. Miss Wilson has been deeply interested in social service work ever since her father entered the White House and she has spent much time away from Washington.

German Bank Clerks to Keep Places.

New York, Dec. 27.—Following the recent dismissal of two German clerks from the National City Bank, rumors spread that all employees of German origin would be forced out. This was emphatically denied at the bank today.

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## KING PETER GIVES UP SCEPTER.

Crown Prince Hereafter to Com-  
mand Serb Army, He Says.

Paris, Dec. 27.—"I am no longer King. I will give no more orders. It is the crown prince who will command the Serbian army."

This statement was made by King Peter of Serbia in an interview printed in the Paris Journal today. Continuing, King Peter said:

"Henceforth I am a soldier whose duty is only to obey. One-quarter of the Serbian soldiers have been weakened by fatigue and hunger, but give them food and two or three weeks' rest and you shall see."

## LUSITANIACASE NEAR SOLUTION

German Envoy and Lansing  
Close to Settlement of  
Controversy.

## WORDING OF AGREEMENT IS ONLY THING TO BE DECIDED

Teutons Will Give Up Sub Warfare  
and Indemnity for Lives Lost in  
Sinking of Ship.

The United States and Germany are nearer a complete settlement of the Lusitania case than they have been at any time since that vessel was sunk, according to an official close to the German Embassy. All that remains, it was declared yesterday, is for Secretary Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff to decide on the exact wording of an agreement that will be satisfactory to both sides.

The German viewpoint on the entire question of submarine warfare, as given to Secretary Lansing during the Lusitania negotiations, was outlined by The Washington Herald's informant. Briefly stated, it is:

First, that the German government has fully met the demands of the United States for disavowal of the act of sinking the Lusitania, not only by the promises made not to sink liners without warning and without care for the safety of noncombatants, but by carrying out these promises, but by virtually giving up its entire campaign of submarine warfare.

Says Germany Shows Good Faith.

Second, that the German government is willing to take action with regard to the question of reparation for lives of Americans lost that will be satisfactory to the United States.

The greatest emphasis was placed on the statement that Germany had shown its entire good faith by its actions since the sinking of the Lusitania and the subsequent sinking of the Arabic.

"Germany has practically given up submarine warfare," said the official, "and for no other reason. The German government has never been given proper credit in the United States for this."

## Villa to Attempt New Insurrection

Issues Manifesto Calling for  
Recruits to Fight "the  
Traitors."

Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Francisco Villa has changed his mind about leaving Mexico. Instead, he has decided to start a new revolution. Deserted by his generals, and with all the territory he once controlled now in the hands of his enemies, he will commence over again.

He is now at Buistillo, Chihuahua, with a picked band of men. He claims to have 3,000 soldiers under arms, but the number is reported here to be much smaller. In a manifesto appealing for recruits, which reached the border today, he gives his reasons for deciding to carry on the fight. The proclamation was issued on December 23 and was brought to the border by courier, all wires being now in the hands of the Carranzistas. One sentence in it reads:

"Traitors in a revolution are as numerous as snails in a beautiful meadow. Men who will sell their souls for money and betray the trust of their masters may be found around kings."

## MRS. EDDY'S ONLY SON DEAD.

George W. Glover Succumbs in South  
Dakota to Peritonitis.

Lead, S. Dak., Dec. 27.—George W. Glover, 78, only son of the late Christian Science leader, Mary Baker Glover Eddy, died at his home here today of peritonitis.

He attracted national attention a few years before his mother's death by his suit to obtain a portion of her money. The suit was settled, and Glover and his children were said to have received about \$25,000. He was not a Christian Scientist.

## Rioting Reported in Vienna.

London, Dec. 27.—The Exchange Telegraph agency states that according to advices from Vienna, rioters, armed with pitchforks and axes, attacked the Archduke Stephen's residence. The windows of the palace were stoned and some pictures were damaged, according to the report. Three arrests are said to have been made.

## AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA ARE TO DIVIDE SERBIA; PARTITION HAS BEGUN

Austria Is to Control the Northern Section of  
Conquered Country and the Bulgars to  
Administer Affairs in Macedonia.

## REIGN OF TERROR IS REPORTED

Hundreds of Serbians Summarily Tried and Shot for Alleged  
Treason to New Rulers—People Starving and  
Dying of Virulent Diseases.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily News prints the following from its Rome correspondents:

"According to Bucharest advices the partition of Serbia is already agreed upon between the Austrians and Bulgarians. The former have assumed the administration of Northern Serbia and the latter of Macedonia, where they are destroying every trace of Serbian history, burning archives and other records, including the registers of births and deaths, seizing the deposits in banks, appropriating property, levying contributions on land property, cattle and crops."

## U-BOATS SINK FIVE VESSELS

Austro-German Submarine  
Campaign Is Vigorously  
Reopened.

EIGHTY LIVES ARE LOST  
ON ONE BIG FRENCH LINER

Three British and One Belgian Ship  
in List, But Casualties Are  
Not Known.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—Vigorous resumption of the Austro-German submarine campaign is evidenced today by the announcement of the sinking of five vessels of the allies, and the firing on of a sixth.

The ships were:

Ministre Bernacert, Belgian freighter; two boat loads of crew missing, thirty saved.

Yeddo, richly laden British freighter; crew saved.

Hadley, British freighter; seven of crew known to be saved.

Avianus, British liner, unofficially reported sunk off Archangel, December 10. Embarks, British freighter; crew saved.

Although not officially announced it is announced that no warning was given to any of the vessels.

Location Kept Secret.

Announcement of the torpedoing of the Ville de la Clotat was made today by the French ministry of marine. She was en route for Yokohama from Marseilles. The exact location of the attack, however, was not made public.

The rescued passengers and crew were picked up by a Moss liner and landed at Marseilles.

The Ville de la Clotat was one of the largest steamers so far lost by the submarine campaign in the Mediterranean. Her tonnage was 6,300, her length 667 feet and her beam fifty feet. She was built at Clotat, France in 1902 and was in the Far Eastern trade.

Details are lacking concerning the sinking of the Yeddo, Cottingham and Hadley, and the firing on of the Embelle. The Yeddo was on her way from Calcutta to Boston and New York.

## SEIZE CHINESE CRUISER.

Rebel Students Fire Shots, but Are  
Driven Off by Loyal Ships.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 27.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"Rebel students boarded the cruiser Chao-Ho and fired shots, but abandoned the ship after other cruisers had bombarded it. Loyal Chinese forces hold the arsenal. Volunteers are guarding the American cruisers and harbor works."

Peking, Dec. 27.—Simultaneously with the promulgation of an order sending 50,000 government troops to stamp out the revolution in Yun Nan province, reports reached Peking today that the revolt had spread to the adjoining provinces of Kwan-St. Kwai-Chow and Szech-Wan and that Gen. Tsai-An, the revolutionary leader, had enrolled under his banner 200,000 fully equipped soldiers.

## GEN. HUERTA III, LEAVES JAIL.

Former Mexican President Removed  
from Prison to Wife's Residence.

Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former president of Mexico, who is held here for an alleged violation of the neutrality laws of the United States is ill and was today removed from the prison at Fort Bliss to the residence of his wife.

The nature of the illness was not disclosed.

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